

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:30pm

Council Chambers
Municipal Administration Building
285 Beech Hill Road
Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

1. Call to Order – Chair Nicholas MacInnis
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of April 8, 2025 Municipal Council Minutes
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Statutory Public Hearing
 - a. Sale of Land on D. MacIsaac Road.
6. Delegations
 - a. Recognition of Doris Goodland
7. Correspondence
 - a. Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice – Adapting the Additional Officer Program
 - b. Office of the Minister of Emergency Management – Fire Services Review
 - c. Office of the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs - Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities 12-months' notice
 - d. Office of the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs - Reprofitting of the Beautification and Streetscaping Program (BSP) and the Community Works Program (CWP)
 - e. Municipality of Colchester – Letter to the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations affecting wind turbine setbacks.
 - f. Antigonish Community Food Bank – Thank-you Letter
8. Committee Reports
 - a. April 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole Report
 - b. April 22, 2025 Asset Management Committee Report
 - c. April 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole Report
 - d. April 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole e-Poll

- e. May 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole Report
- 9. Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities
- 10. Motions
 - a. Gaelic Nova Scotia Month Proclamation
- 11. Miscellaneous Business
- 12. Adjournment

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting- Minutes

Tuesday April 8, 2025

Following the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Council Chambers

Municipal Administration Building

285 Beech Hill Road

Beech Hill, NS B2G 0B4

Councillors Present:

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Deputy Warden John Dunbar

Councillor Mary MacLellan

Councillor Adam Baden-Clay

Councillor Richelle MacLaughlin (by Zoom)

Councillor Shawn Brophy

Councillor Wayne Melanson

Councillor Gary Mattie

Councillor Harris McNamara

Councillor Sterling Garvie

Regrets:

None

Staff Present:

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

Megan MacInnis, Strategic Initiatives
Coordinator

Mikayla Tait, Planner, EDPC

Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Chris Boyd, Municipal Solicitor

Heike Bruckner, Asst. Planner, EDPC

Others Present:

Gallery (in person and by Zoom)

Matt Draper, XFM

Corey LeBlanc (by Zoom)

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting to order at 7:38pm

Approval of Agenda

Warden MacInnis called for approval of the Council meeting agenda. In-camera items for Contract Negotiations and Personnel were requested.

Min # 2025-047

Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Approval of the March 11, 2025 Municipal Council Minutes

Warden MacInnis called for any errors or omissions in the minutes of March 11, 2025, which was distributed at the meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were considered approved.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Statutory Public Hearings

Mrs. Donovan reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol for the benefit of those in attendance.

File No. AT-DA2025-002 – Application to Enter into a Development Agreement for a Gas Station with a Convenience Store and Restaurant on Lot 9, PID 10140010, Beech Hill Road, Beech Hill, Antigonish County

Ms. Tait provided Council with an overview of the development agreement application put forward by Island Construction & Environmental Ltd, noting that a previous development agreement application for a car wash was approved for the site but not registered. The applicable enabling policies and their criteria in the Municipal Planning Strategy were reviewed for the benefit of Council. With respect to site specific circumstances when contemplating the Land Use By-law, Ms. Tait noted consideration of Policy 16.5 limiting the inclusion of parking spaces along certain yards between the building façade and the property line. Where the building has three road frontages, a site-specific allowance for parking along one of those side yards was considered. In negotiating the terms of the development agreement, provision of an electric vehicle charging station was agreed upon.

Ms. Tait noted that an additional provision was built into the development agreement based on the feedback from the Planning Advisory Committee to address concerns about the obstruction of sidewalks on the property with goods for sale or signage. Enforceability of the development agreement clauses were noted.

The floor was then opened for questions from Council. A question was asked about the discussions with the developer regarding the concern about sidewalk obstruction that was raised by the Planning Advisory Committee. The applicant was present at the meeting and acknowledged that they understood that specific clause.

Warden MacInnis asked whether there was anyone present to speak in opposition or in favour of the proposal. No parties identified that they wished to speak when either question was asked. Ms. Tait was thanked for her presentation.

Min # 2025-048

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council give Second Reading and approve entering into the Development Agreement attached as Appendix A of the Memo from Staff dated March 11, 2025 to construct a Gas Station with a Convenience Store and Restaurant on Lot 9, PID 10140010, Beech Hill Road, Beech Hill, Antigonish County.

Motion Carried.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Correspondence

Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works – Cost Sharing Program for the Paving of J-Class Roads, March 27, 2025

Mrs. Donovan noted that correspondence had been received from the province, identifying that they had not approved the municipality's application for cost-sharing for the fiscal year 2025/26. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports

March 25, 2025 Asset Management Committee Report

Min # 2025-049

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council sell a piece of land at PID10078988 to the Provincial Department of Public Works for \$1, and that a public hearing date for this sale be set.

Motion Carried

Min # 2025-050

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves entering into an agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Town of Antigonish to complete the Trunk 4 and Church Street roundabout, with a commitment of up to \$378,000 to cover two thirds (2/3) of municipal design/inspection costs and one half (1/2) of the municipal water line costs and 100% of the municipal sewer line costs.

Motion Carried

Min # 2025-051

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the 2024-29 Capital Investment Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

March 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole Report

Min # 2025-052

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves and endorses the *Nalikitquniejk Antigonish Equity, Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Plan* as presented and submit the plan to the province of Nova Scotia.

Motion Carried

Min # 2025-053

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council approves the installation of a streetlight at the intersection of Summerside Road and the Old Ferry Branch Road.

Motion Carried

Reports from Individual Council Members on Outside Boards, Conferences, and Community Activities

- Deputy Warden Dunbar that the Antigonish Arena Board will meet on April 15th.
- Councillor MacLellan noted that the library board will be meeting at the new library in Pictou on the 10th.
- Councillor Mattie noted that the Antigonish Community Transit Society meeting will be coming up shortly.
- Councillor McNamara shared updates from the RK MacDonald Board.
- Councillor Brophy noted that the Antigonish Heritage Museum board met on April 7, where there was discussion about the Peace by Chocolate building. Staff was asked to look up the previous discussions regarding the funding request made for that building. A moment of silence was observed at the meeting for Mr. Chisholm, who was a community volunteer and long-time member of the museum board.

Motions

There were no motions.

Miscellaneous Business

There was no miscellaneous business.

Recess of Council Meeting

Min # 2025-054

Moved and Seconded

That the Municipal Council meeting recesses at 8:01pm.

Motion Carried

Call to Order- Warden MacInnis

Warden MacInnis called the meeting back to order at 8:12pm

In-Camera Items

Min # 2025-055

Moved and Seconded

That Municipal Council adjourn to an in-camera session to discuss Legal Matters Eligible for Solicitor-Client Privilege, Contract Negotiations, and Personnel Matters at 8:12 pm.

Motion Carried

Min # 2025-056

Moved and Seconded

That the in-camera session adjourns at 8:49 pm.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Min # 2025-057

Moved

That the Municipal Council meeting adjourns at 8:49 pm.

Motion Carried

Warden Nicholas MacInnis

Shirlyn Donovan, CAO

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish has scheduled a Public Hearing as required by the Municipal Government Act for the sale of land on D. MacIssac Rd. (PID 10078988). Municipal Council intends to sell this land to the Department of Public Works for \$1.

Council will meet to consider the land sale on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the Council Chambers, Municipal Administration Building, 285 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish County, at 7:30 pm.





**Attorney General
Justice
Office of the Minister**

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April 10, 2025

Via Email: nicholas.macinnis@antigonishcounty.ca

Warden Nicholas MacInnis
Municipality of the County of Antigonish

Re: Adapting the Additional Officer Program

Dear Warden MacInnis,

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming adaptation of the Additional Officer Program (AOP), which is being instituted to better align with the ongoing and evolving challenges in policing in Nova Scotia.

In 2007, the Nova Scotia Department of Justice inaugurated the AOP to provide financial support to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and municipal police agencies for the remuneration and benefits of police officers to address evolving public safety concerns. This funding was designed to support the establishment of Street Crime Enforcement Units (SCEU), School Safety Resource Officers (SSRO), and specialized units focused on forensic identification and major crimes. Initially branded as “Boots on the Street”, the program aimed to enhance police visibility and bolster public confidence in law enforcement, particularly in relation to the investigation of illegal drugs, proceeds of crime, thefts, assaults, and child pornography.

The Department of Justice, Public Safety and Security Division (PSSD) has conducted a comprehensive review of all factors influencing both the present and future state of organized crime responses. Consultations with Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police and RCMP senior leadership have been undertaken in this regard.

The AOP is now entering the transition planning stage with the objective of modernizing the program to reflect the contemporary context of policing. The current funding level of approximately \$17 million will be maintained and we will adequately analyze how to best utilize this investment in collaboration with police agencies. We are confident that these changes will enhance the efficacy of the AOP and better serve the needs of our communities.

Please be advised that the police leaders in your jurisdiction have been engaged throughout the review of the AOP and have been updated on the intended transition at the Provincial Executive Committee

meeting on April 8th, 2025.

We will continue to provide you with updates on this work as it progresses. I appreciate your cooperation and support as we collaboratively strive to enhance public safety and security in Nova Scotia. Should you have any inquiries or require further clarification, please contact Hayley Crichton at Hayley.Crichton@novascotia.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Druhan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Becky Druhan
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

cc: Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Shirlyn Donovan, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the County of Antigonish
Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities



Emergency Management Office of the Minister

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April 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

To: Mayors, CAOs and Wardens

Re: Fire Services Review

The Departments of Emergency Management and Municipal Affairs greatly value the essential role fire services play in ensuring the safety of Nova Scotians during emergencies across the province. Firefighters put their lives at risk every day to protect our communities, and we are deeply grateful for their unwavering dedication.

The Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia is conducting a comprehensive governance review of fire services in Nova Scotia. This review will focus on ensuring best practices are in place and that our firefighters are fully supported and protected. Key areas of examination will include governance, operations, communications, interoperability, human resources, mental health supports, training, equipment, facilities, fire dispatch, and funding.

We recognize that previous reviews have been conducted. However, this governance review will build upon those efforts and consider the growing impact of climate change on the frequency and severity of weather events such as floods, wildfires, and hurricanes. It is vital that the governance of fire services evolves to address these new challenges, ensuring that we are fully prepared for unprecedented weather events.

Your input is a critical part of this process. We strongly encourage municipalities to participate in the governance review and provide your valuable feedback. By working together, we can create a stronger, more resilient, and responsive fire service for Nova Scotia.

Additionally, we would like to take a moment to address a common concern regarding the Nova Scotia Guard. The Guard is designed to complement existing resources in the province, not to replace them. We are committed to ensuring that firefighters who volunteer for the Nova Scotia Guard will not be deployed outside their communities in ways that could leave their fire departments understaffed. Members will be deployed based on their availability, ensuring they can continue serving their local communities.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to the safety of Nova Scotians. We look forward to collaborating with you in this important initiative and working together to strengthen fire services across the province.

Sincerely,

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Minister Kim Masland

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lohr".

Minister John Lohr



Municipal Affairs Office of the Minister

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April 14, 2025

Mayor Pam Mood
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8
Via email: mayor.mood@townofyarmouth.ca

Dear President Mood:

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs must provide to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2026-2027 and beyond.

The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) canvassed all provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. Below you will find a summary of the results of that process.

Department of Justice

"H" Division Royal Canadian Mounted Police Annual Multi-Year Financial Plan

The 'H' Division (Nova Scotia) Royal Canadian Mounted Police have provided the Department of Justice with the annual Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), that reflects the organization's budget requests for the next fiscal year, and strategic planning for subsequent years. Based on the 2025-26 MYFP, and provincial approvals, the total financial impact for the new Provincial Police Service Agreement to Municipalities is \$8 million.

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides municipalities with DNA analysis arising from criminal investigations. Costs will be determined upon the release of the "Total Uniform Assessment" by DMA.

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Department of Intergovernmental Affairs

Procurement Thresholds and Free Trade Agreements

As noted in previous years, under our trade policy responsibilities, Intergovernmental Affairs advises that there are procurement thresholds under several free trade agreements that could impact municipalities.

Every two years, Global Affairs Canada updates its thresholds for covered procurements under the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (TCA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). Municipal procurements are covered under these obligations. All procurements above the thresholds must be publicly tendered unless subject to an exemption.

The threshold values in Canadian dollars for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, are as follows:

FTA	Goods	Services	Construction
CFTA	Province		
	\$33,400	\$133,800	\$133,800
	Municipalities and MASH		
	\$133,800	\$133,800	\$334,400
	Crowns, Utilities, etc.		
	\$668,800	\$668,800	\$6,685,000
CETA/TCA	Province, Municipalities and MASH		
	\$353,300	\$353,300	\$8,800,000
	Crowns		
	\$627,200	\$627,200	\$8,800,000
	Utilities, etc.		
	\$706,700	\$706,700	\$8,800,000

Sincerely,



Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Copy to: Juanita Spencer



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April 23, 2025

Dear Mayors, Wardens and Chairs:

Re: Reprofiting of the Beautification and Streetscaping Program (BSP) and the
Community Works Program (CWP)

In recent years, the Department of Municipal Affairs has been supporting municipalities with historic investments that are helping to build strong, prosperous communities. On this point, there is always more work to do, and we are excited to keep building on this momentum.

We are pleased to announce that the department has added an additional \$1 million to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP), for the 2025-26 program year, and on a go-forward basis. This increase in funding is the result of sunsetting two annual programs we have offered previously: the Beautification and Streetscaping Program and the Community Works Program.

In our review of these programs, and in consideration of our provincial priorities for housing, growth, and affordability, it was clear that these funds could have a greater impact on municipalities through the PCAP. We need to ensure municipalities have systems and services in place that are foundational to their growth and sustainability. That is why we are focused on delivering the greatest impact possible with programs that help municipalities to make strategic, intentional use of the provincial and federal funding opportunities available. The reprofiling of these programs will increase the PCAP budget from \$690,000 to \$1.69 million, increasing the Province's support in the preliminary stages of infrastructure projects.

We will continue to work with our municipalities to ensure that the programs we are offering are the ones that meet their most critical needs. As always, we are grateful for your collaboration in working to strengthen and grow our communities, and we welcome your feedback on how we can deliver programs that will maximize impact for our municipalities and for Nova Scotians.

Sincerely,

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Chief Administrative Officers
Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, NSFM
David Campell, Executive Director, AMANS

April 14, 2025

The Honourable John Lohr
Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing
14th Floor North, Maritime Centre
1505 Barrington Street
P.O. Box 216
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4
Via Email: dmamin@novascotia.ca

Dear Minister Lohr:

I am writing to express the disappointment of our Council and residents regarding the recently announced amendments to the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations, which establish new maximum allowable setbacks for wind turbines in Nova Scotia municipalities.

For almost two years, our Municipality had been actively engaged in extensive community consultation on this matter. Our goal was to address residents' concerns while remaining open to new wind turbine development. Through this thoughtful and inclusive process, we have established setback provisions within our By-law that we believe were both reasonable and appropriate. Once set, these provisions were submitted for ministerial approval and that approval was received. It was, therefore, extremely disheartening to learn that the Province had unilaterally imposed new maximum allowable setbacks, effectively disregarding the significant efforts and community input that shaped our local policy. In our opinion, this decision undermines the principles of local autonomy and disregards the considerable work undertaken by our community. We would like the Province to give municipal units more discretion than this unilateral approach. Colchester approved a 2km setback that was carefully considered and approved in November 2023.

We remain committed to serving the best interests of our residents and taxpayers. Therefore, we request that the Province change its decision on the amendments to the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations, by reinstating Municipal autonomy on this issue and allowing our Municipality's aforementioned By-law to be upheld.

We also hope the Province will strive to work more closely with municipalities in future decision-making processes that affect our mutual residents most directly.

Regards,



Christine Blair
Mayor

c: Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Nova Scotia Mayors and Wardens

Antigonish Community Food Bank
166 College Street
Antigonish N S
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Municipality of the County of Antigonish
285 Beech Hill Road
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Greetings,

The Antigonish Community Food Bank is honored to accept the generous donation of \$3,000.00 from the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

We are most grateful for the impact you have made by allowing us to continue to distribute food to those in the community who have a heightened need especially during this climate of uncertainty.

Thank you very much for your care and concern.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Curry/ Treasurer A C F B

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
SUBJECT: April 8, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
DATE: May 14, 2025

The Committee of the Whole was reconvened on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 following the Municipal Council meeting. The following Councillors were present:

Warden MacInnis
Deputy Warden Dunbar
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor Baden-Clay
Councillor MacLaughlin
Councillor Brophy
Councillor Melanson
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor Garvie

The following recommendations were made:

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves the annual appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission staff to Municipal positions, as proposed.

The Committee recommends that Municipal Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 to the Antigonish Jr. B Bulldogs team to assist with their travel to the Atlantic Canadian Championships, Don Johnston Cup, in New Brunswick.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: Deputy Warden John Dunbar
SUBJECT: April 22, 2025 Asset Management Committee Report
DATE: May 14, 2025

The Asset Management Committee was convened on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. The following Councillors were present:

Deputy Warden Dunbar, Chair
Warden MacInnis
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacLaughlin
Councillor Brophy
Councillor Melanson
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor Garvie

The following recommendation was made:

That the Asset Management Committee recommend that Municipal Council approve a resolution noting that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement o. 2024-001.

That the Asset Management Committee recommends that Municipal Council award the tender for the 2025 Bulky Waste Collection to GFL in the amount of \$54,900 + HST.

That the Asset Management Committee recommends that Municipal Council directs staff to proceed with the design and costing phase of the Florence Circle Connector Pathway if the funding application for that phase is successful.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
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TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
SUBJECT: April 22, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
DATE: May 14, 2025

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Warden MacInnis
Deputy Warden Dunbar
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor MacLaughlin
Councillor Brophy
Councillor Melanson
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor Garvie

The following recommendations were made:

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council approve the proposed increase to the tourism strategy budget to \$70,000 annually for a period of four years; endorse the partnership agreement with the Antigonish Tourism Association; and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.

That the Committee recommends that Municipal Council appoint Charles Thompson of Burchell MacDougall LLP as their investigator under subsection 23C(1) of the Municipal Government Act to receive and investigate complaints received under the Municipal Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: Shirlyn Donovan, CAO
SUBJECT: April 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole E-poll Report
DATE: May 14, 2025

The Committee of the Whole was queried by e-poll on April 25, 2025. The following Councillors participated:

Warden MacInnis
Deputy Warden Dunbar
Councillor MacLellan
Councillor Baden-Clay
Councillor MacLaughlin
Councillor Brophy
Councillor Melanson
Councillor Mattie
Councillor McNamara
Councillor Garvie

The following recommendation was made:

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Municipal Council consents to an application being made by the Municipality to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for \$50,000 for work related to the Inflow and Infiltration Report.

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Library Updates- April 2025

Highlights:

- The Memory Café Monday continues to draw in more people. Some weeks we have as many as 12 people in the library bistro area meeting over coffee and refreshments, sharing activities, and singing songs. This program provides a much needed opportunity for social interaction for people with dementia and their caregivers as well as community members who are feeling socially isolated.
- We have just wrapped up tax season. The library has four volunteers who help prepare taxes for low-income individuals and families. Staff make appointments and go over eligibility criteria with clients and often provide assistance making sure clients have their paperwork in order. Through a mixture of in-person appointments and drop-off/pick-up packages, more than 600 clients were helped so far this year. We will continue to provide assistance year round.
- The library was a polling station during the Federal Election on April 28.
- The library was given hundreds of packets of seeds to give away by the Antigonish Garden Club. The seeds were very popular and are a good opportunity for people to grow their own fresh vegetables.

During the month of April:

Internet bookings: 1552

Training sessions: 31

Door count: 14,297

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Gairm

Mìos nan Gàidheal 2025

SEACH GUN COMHARRAICH 2025 an naoidheamh ceann bliadhna air fhichead do Mhìos nan Gàidheal, a tha 'na àm gus cànan, cultur, eachdraidh is àrd-ghnìomhan nan Gàidheal thar na mór-roinneadh is na chuir iad rithe, a dhlùth-ghabhail, onorachadh is a ghléidheadh; agus

SEACH GU BHEIL cànan is cultur nan Gàidheal 'nan pàirt bhunaiteach do dh'fhéin-aithne na h-Albann Nuaidhe is iad, na Gàidheil té dhe na buidhnean culturail neo-thùsanach na bu tràithe a thuinich ann an tìr nam Mìogmac; agus

SEACH GU BHEIL ginealaich ùra do luchd-ionnsachaidh a' chànain, agus suinn culturail, a' cumail orra is iad a' leantainn gu dlùth ri dìleab seanchaidhean na h-Albann Nuaidhe; agus

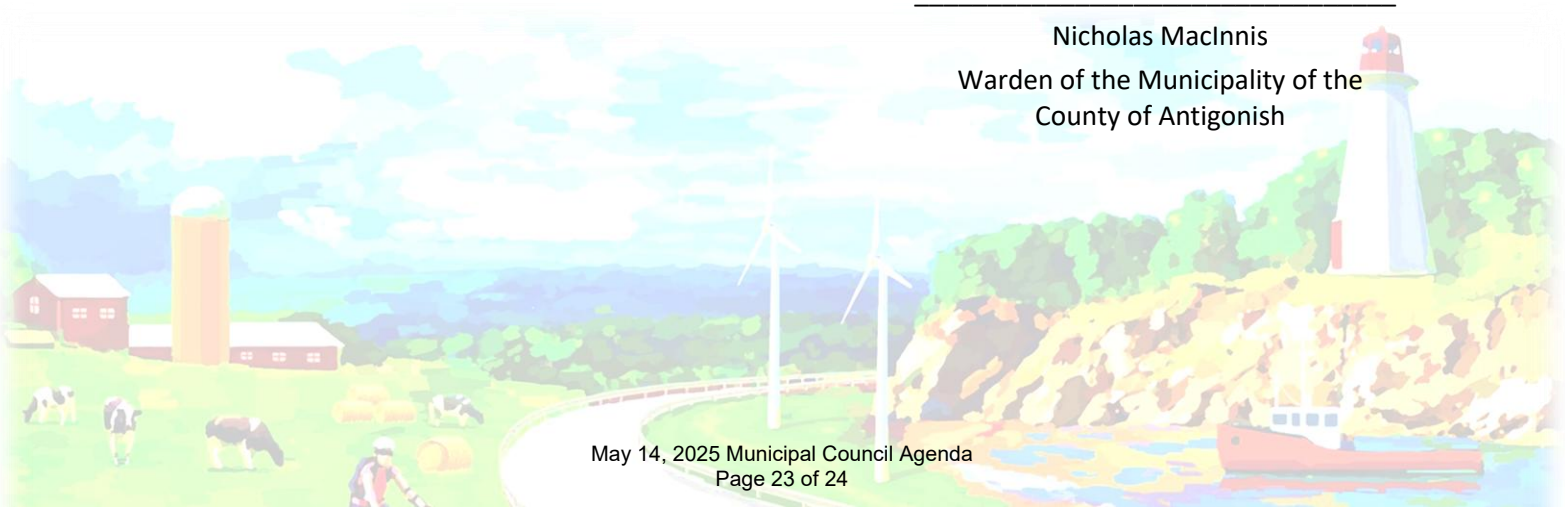
SEACH GU BHEIL an riaghaltas an geall air a bhith a' co-obrachadh le coimhearsnachdan Gàidhealach gus taic a thoirt do leasachadh nan Gàidheal ann an Albainn Nuaidh thro chothroman gus cànan, mothachadh culturail, agus comas 's na coimhearsnachd a' thogail, a' dèanadh cinnteach gum mair cànan agus cultur nan Gàidheal 'nan pàirt bheartach do 'n léirsinn cànanach is culturail a tha beò ann an Albainn Nuaidh;

MAR SIN Tha mise, Warden MacInnis, Warden na Siorramachd Antaiginis, a' gairm a' Chéitein 2025, 'na mhìos dha na Gàidheil ann an Cathrachd Siorramachd Antaiginis, Alba Nuadh.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2025.

Nicholas MacInnis

Warden of the Municipality of the
County of Antigonish



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

PROCLAMATION

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

WHEREAS 2025 marks the 29th anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month, which is a time to embrace, honour and celebrate the history, culture, language, contributions, and achievements of Gaels across the province; and,

WHEREAS Gaelic culture is an integral part of the identity of Nova Scotia and one of the earliest non-Indigenous cultures to settle in Mi'kma'ki; and

WHEREAS new generation of language learners and cultural champions carry on the legacy of Gaelic Nova Scotia's tradition bearers; and,

WHEREAS government commits to collaborating with Gaelic communities to support the growth of Gaelic Nova Scotia through opportunities for language acquisition, cultural awareness, and capacity building within communities to ensure Gaelic language and culture remain vibrant elements of the living linguistic and cultural landscape of Nova Scotia;

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Warden MacInnis, Warden of the Municipality of Antigonish County, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

"Gaelic Nova Scotia Month"

in the County of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2025.

Nicholas MacInnis

Warden of the Municipality of the
County of Antigonish

